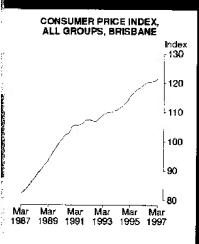
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# **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

QUEENSLAND

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#### AUSTRALIA

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

- The trend estimate of the balance on goods and services recorded a surplus of \$71m in March 1997, showing little change since November 1996. This is the thirteenth consecutive surplus on this balance.
- Exports of goods and services, in trend terms, increased \$71m, or 0.8% from February 1997 to March 1997, continuing the upward trend since September 1996. Imports of goods and services, in trend terms, increased \$68m, or 0.8% from February 1997 to March 1997, continuing the upward movement since August 1996.

#### QUEENSLAND

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE

 All groups index was 121.5 for March quarter 1997, increasing 1.6% from March quarter 1996.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Remained stable, in trend terms, at 9.8% for April 1997. For females, in trend terms, decreased 0.1 percentage point to 9.1% for April 1997. For males, in trend trems, increased 0.1 percentage point to 10.3% for April 1997.

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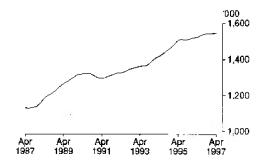
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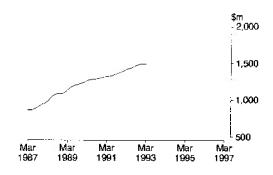
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EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND, TREND



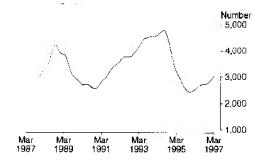
The number of employed persons, in trend terms, was 1,545,000 in April 1997, increasing 1.4% from April 1996. Full-time employment for males decreased for the sixth consecutive month, recording a decrease of 2.0% from April 1996 to April 1997. Female full-time employment increased 1.4% for the same period. Part-time employment coninued to rise for both males and females, with increases of 9.5% and 8.1%, respectively, from April 1996 to April 1997.

RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER, QUEENSLAND, TREND



Retail trade turnover in Queensland, in trend terms, increased for the fourth consecutive month, recording \$1,903.2m in March 1997. This was an increase of 3.3% from the March 1996 figure.

DWELLING UNITS
APPROVED, QUEENSLAND,
TREND



Total dwelling units approved in Queensland, in trend terms, totalled 3,074 in March 1997, increasing 3.2% from February 1997 and 21.0% from March 1996.

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1996			T	REND (\$ million)				
March	65 359	18 090	18 768	4 748	25 061	23 942	105 318	109 088
June	65 801	18 062	19 405	4 622	25 475	24 534	106 170	109 971
September	66 069	18 015	19 968	4 487	25 727	25 0 <b>39</b>	106 909	110 789
December	66 278	18 05 <del>6</del>	20 364	4 407	25 854	25 488	107 520	111 471
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		TREND (%	change from	corresponding p	eriod of previo	ous year)		
1996 December	2.4	0.1	11.4	-8.3	6.5	9.4	3.0	2.0
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June	65 164	18 569	20 243	6 093	25 064	24 296	105 264	107 806
September	65 843	17 914	19 836	3 585	25 528	25 900	106 399	109 103
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June	108 860					5 778		
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	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE <sup>1</sup>		GROSS FIX CAPITAL EX	ED (PENDITURE <sup>1</sup>	STATE FINAL DEMAND <sup>1</sup>	GROSS STATE PRODUCT- INCOME BASED <sup>7</sup>	
Quarter	Private	Government	Private	Public			
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			TREND (\$ mil	lion)			
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March	10 988	2 867	3 <b>36</b> 2	1 105	18 322	17 665	
June	11 080	2 877	3 558	1 070	18 5 <b>8</b> 5	17 897	
September	11 134	2 876	3 775	976	18 761	18 126	
December	11 173	2 884	3 957	884	18 898	18 326	
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September	11 166	2 806	3 800	767	18 539	18 047	
December	11 741	2 972	4 250	865	19 828	18 393	
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.996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and stre  362 479 602 707	V CAPITAL EXPENDITAL E	TURE  END (\$ million)  012  084	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	
March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707	V CAPITAL EXPENDITAL E	TURE  uipment, plant and process of the plant and plant and process of the plant and plant	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	
L996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707	V CAPITAL EXPENDITAL E	TURE  uipment, plant and process of the plant and plant and process of the plant and plant	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	
L996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707  TREN  121.2	V CAPITAL EXPENDITAL E	TURE  END (\$ million)  102  051  084  110  corresponding pe	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816 year)	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	
996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707  TREN  121.2	V CAPITAL EXPENDITUAL EXPENDIT	TURE  END (\$ million)  110  110  110  110  110  120  120  12	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816  year)	<b>発 袋 ぎ や 答 栄 転 物 か</b>	
996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707  TREN  121.2	V CAPITAL EXPENDITUAL EXPENDIT	TURE  END (\$ million)  102  051  084  110  corresponding pe	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816 year)	<b>発 袋 ぎ や 答 栄 転 物 か</b>	
996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and str.  362 479 602 707  TREN  121.2	V CAPITAL EXPENDITION  Uctures Eq.  TR.  1 1 1 1 1 ORIG	TURE  END (\$ million)  110  110  110  110  110  120  120  12	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816 year)	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	
996 March June September December	PRIVATE NEV  Building and stre  352 479 602 707  TREN  121.2	V CAPITAL EXPENDITION  Uctures Eq.  TR.  1 1 1 1 1 Compared from Compare	TURE  Suipment, plant and process of the second	machinery	Total  1 374 1 530 1 686 1 816  year) 38.9	<b>発 袋 ぎ や 答 栄 転 物 か</b>	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At average 1989–90 prices.



### MAJOR INDICATORS—Queensland continued

TOTAL BUSINESS NAMES REGISTERED <sup>2</sup>	BANKRUPTCIES <sup>2</sup>	INTERSTATE TRADE			
		Exports	Imports		
No.	No.	\$m	\$m		
			*******		
175 943	1 052	1 516	3 115		
176 658	1 051	1 668	3 395		
176 668	1 225	1 528	3 372		
178 440	1 156	1 479	3 478		
**********		*****			
% C	HANGE (from corresponding	ng period of previ	ious vear)		
			, ,		
1.9	45.5	-2.0	-0.7		
2.3	29.2	0.2	0.1		
	NAMES REGISTERED <sup>2</sup> No.  175 943 176 658 176 668 178 440  % C	NAMES REGISTERED <sup>1</sup> BANKRUPTCIES <sup>2</sup> No. No.  175 943 1 052 176 658 1 051 176 668 1 225 178 440 1 156  % CHANGE (from corresponding 1.9 45.5	NAMES REGISTERED¹ BANKRUPTCIES² INTERSTATE    Exports		

FOREIGN TRADE.....

	Exports	Imports	
Month	\$m	Sm	
*****		******************	
1996			
December	1 114	714	
1997			
January	957	784	
February	1 096	682	
March	1 064	676	

### % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

#### **1997** February

February	17.4	5.9
March	20.4	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Stock at end of period. Source: Office of Consumer Affairs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Queensland Government Statistician.



#### PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

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TREND   TREN	Cuarter	_		_	· ·			•	
TREND     TREND	Quartor				and coar				
1996	*********	*******		*******		e - :		********	*****
March   106-6   837   113.5   96.2   119.5   106.6   107.5   106.6   108.5	1006				TREND				
June		105.6	<b>02</b> 7		113 6	66.5	440.5		
September   104.5									
TREND   105.4   87.2   112.8   89.4   124.2   105.2									
### TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)    1995									
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)		*********	*******						
1996									,,,,,,,
September   102.6   78.5   112.7   95.8   114.2   101.1   102.6   79.4   116.0   93.9   112.7   102.5   102.5   109.0   109.0   115.3   89.5   114.0   96.2   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   109.0   125.7   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.7   125.0   125.0   125.7   125.0	1996		mens (	o change non	: corresponding per	iod of previou	s year)		
1996	December	-0.8	-0.5		1.9	1.1	8.5		1.0
1996	50,50,50,50,5	< * 0 < 2 0 + 9 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	*******	* > * + * * > * * * * * *	*******	,			*****
March 102.6 78.5 112.7 95.8 114.2 101.1 June 99.5 79.4 116.0 93.9 122.7 102.5 September 103.9 88.5 114.3 107.3 131.7 109.2 December 115.3 89.5 114.0 99.2 125.7 109.0  ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)  1986  December 0.9 -0.3 2.1 -1.6 8.7  LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS WITH FACILITIES					ORIGINAL				
June   99.5   79.4   116.0   93.9   122.7   102.6									
September   103.9   88.5   114.3   107.3   131.7   109.2		102.6	78.5		112.7	95.8	114.2	10	1.1
December   115.3   89.5   114.0   89.2   125.7   109.0		99.5	79.4		116.0	93.9	122.7	10	2.6
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)   1996			88.5		114.3	107.3	131.7	10	9.2
1996	December	115.3	89,5		114.0	99.2	125.7	10	9.0
December   0.9   -0.3   2.1   -1.6   6.7	********	*****		*****	************		*******	********	
December   0.9			ORIGINAL	(% change fro	m corresponding pe	riod of previou	us year)		
QUEENSLAND—SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION									
QUEENSLAND	December	0.9	-0.3		2.1	-1.6	6.7		
Rooms available   Room nights available   Room occupancy rate   Takings from accommodation   Units available   Unit nights available   Unit occupancy rate   Takings from accommodation									ouses
Quarter         '000         '000         %         \$m         '000         '000         %         \$m           1996           March         42.7         2.269         58.7         227.1         18.9         1.001         58.5         68.8           June         43.7         2.278         57.6         218.2         18.8         846         49.4         52.6           September         43.5         2.617         65.5         252.9         19.4         1.259         70.7         80.8           December         44.4         2.557         62.7         262.6         20.2         1.142         61.7         81.6           **OHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)**    **1996  **September**  **3.8**  **0.8**  **0.8**  **0.8**  **1.3**  **4.3**  **4.8**  **5.4**  **1.3**  **1.3**  **1.3**  ****  **1.3**  ****  **1.3**  ****  **1.3**  ****  ****  **1.3**  ****  ****  **1.3**  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****		Rooms	Room nights	Room occupano	v Takings from				
1996  March 42.7 2.269 58.7 227.1 18.9 - 1.001 58.5 68.8  June 43.7 2.278 57.6 218.2 18.8 846 49.4 52.6  September 43.5 2.617 65.5 252.9 19.4 1.259 70.7 80.8  December 44.4 2.557 62.7 262.6 20.2 1.142 61.7 81.6  ***CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)**  1996  September 3.8 0.8 4.3 4.8 5.4 11.3		avallable	occupied				-		-
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1996       September     3.8     0.8     4.3     4.8     5.4     11.3			% Cł	HANGE (from c	orresponding period	of previous y	ear)		
Describes and the second secon						ŕ			
Parameter F	•		0.8		4.3	4.8	5.4		11.3
	December	5.2	4.4		6,9	7.3	7.2		

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  At average 1989–90 prices. Base: 1989–90=100.0.



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# PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION continued

	MINERAL PROI	DUCTION	•••••	***************************************	MINERAL EXPLORATIO
	Black coal				
	(saleable) <sup>1</sup>	Copper <sup>5</sup>	Gold <sup>2</sup>	Total <sup>e</sup>	
Quarter	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 kg	\$m	\$m
		*************	***********		*********
1996 Manaka					
March June	22 084,0	64 7	6.9	1 353 0	40.9
September	23 755,0 23 945,0	73 9	6.7	1 401 0	56 9
December	25 277.0	83.8 75.1	6.3	1 339.0	38.3
			7.3	1 368.0	43.0
			m corresponding perio	d of previous year)	20124-2440
1 <b>996</b> September	<b>-5.</b> 8				
December	-5. <b>6</b> 15.8	<b>3</b> 1 9 1 <b>9</b> 5	-9.8 -13.5	-8.2 -2 7	-12.6 9.1
	QUEENSLAND		***************************************		
	RETAIL TRADE T	URNOVER	NEW MOTOR VEH	'CLE REGISTRATIONS'	
			Passenger vehicles	Total	
onth	\$m		No.	No.	
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96			TREND		
December 197	1 853.3		8 106	10 230	
January	1 865 8		8 246	10.400	
February	1 881.7		8 384	10 400	
March	1 903,2		8 585	10 566 10 822	
	********			10 022	
			corresponding period		
<b>97</b> February					
	2.6 3.3		2.1 3.0	2.3	
March				32	
March					
March			ORIGINAL		
96			ORIGINAL		
<b>96</b> December	2 316.4		ORIGINAL 8 502	10 544	
95 December	2 316.4		8 502		
<b>96</b> December	2 316.4 1 897.4		8 502 6 871	8 552	
95 December 97 January	2 316.4		8 502		
96 December 97 January February March	2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1 1 804.9	:> 0 \ > 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0 < 0	8 502 6 871 7 832 8 564	8 552 9 823	
95 December 97 January February March	2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1 1 804.9		8 502 6 871 7 832 8 564	8 552 9 823 10 619	
95 December 97 January February March	2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1 1 804.9		8 502 6 871 7 832 8 564 	8 552 9 823 10 619	
95 December 97 January February March	2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1 1 804.9		8 502 6 871 7 832 8 564	8 552 9 823 10 619	



#### LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland

	UNEMPL					PARTICIPATION RATE				
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons age to 19 years	d 15 Males	Female	s Perso	ons		
<i>Month</i>	%	%	%.	%	%	%	96			
********		*****					.,			
			TF	REND						
1997										
January	98	9.5	9.7	n.a.	74.3	55.0	64.5	ā		
February	10.C	9.4	97	па	74 1	55.0	64.5	5		
March	10.2	9.2	98	n,a,	73.9	55,0	64.4	1		
Aprıl	10.3	9.1	98	n.a.	73 7	55.0	64.3	3		
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			OR	IGI <b>N</b> AL						
1997										
January	11.1	10.7	11.0	26.6	74.6	53.9	64.1			
February	10.8	10.5	10.7	24.8	74.3	55.9	65.0			
March	11.3	9.6	10.6	24.1	74.1	55.2	64.6			
April	10.3	9.1	9.8	20 7	73.7	54.9	64.2	]		
*****	* * * * * * *	****	***	* * * * * * * *	****		* * * *			
									PERSONS IN	
	EMPLOY	ED PERSONS	S			UNEMPLO	YED PERS	sons	PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE	
	EMPLOY	ED PERSONS	S			UNEMPLO	YED PERS	sons	THE LABOUR	
		ED PERSONS	S PART-TIN		TOTAL	UNEMPLO	YED PERS	SONS	THE LABOUR	
Month						UNEMPLC  Males	YED PERS	SONS	THE LABOUR	
	FULL-TIN <i>Mal</i> es	ME Females	PART-TIN Males	/E Females	TOTAL  Persons	Males	Females	Persons	THE LABOUR FORCE	
01767047017.	FULL-TIN <i>Mal</i> es	ME Females	PART-TIN Males	/E Females	TOTAL Persons	Males	Females	Persons	THE LABOUR FORCE	
1997	FULL-TIN Males	AE	PART-TIN Males	/E Females ************************************	Persons  ('000)	Males > o v > c v o c >	Females	Persons	THE LABOUR FORCE	
1997 January	FULL-TIN Males 776.7	#E  Females	PART-TIN Males	/E Females ************************************	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7	<i>Males</i> > • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Females	Persons	THE LABOUR FORCE	
1997	FULL-TIN Males	AE	PART-TIN Males 102.2 103.6	/E Females  TRENE 287.9 291.5	Persons  ('000)	Males  95.8  97.4	Females	Persons  165.7  166.6	1 709.4 1 710 7	
1997 January February	FULL-TIN Males 776.7 773.2	#E  Females	PART-TIN Males	/E Females ************************************	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7 1 544.2	<i>Males</i> > • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Females	Persons	THE LABOUR FORCE	
<b>1997</b> January February Магсh <b>А</b> рлІ	FULL-TIN Males 776.7 773.2 769.7 766.5	#E	PART-TIN Maies 102.2 103.6 105.0 106.5	Females TRENE 287.9 291.5 294.6 297.1	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7  1 544.2  1 544.5	Males  95.8  97.4  98.9  99.9	Females 69.9 69.1 68.2 67.1	Persons 165.7 166.6 167.1 167.0	1 709.4 1 710 7 1 711.6 1 712 0	
<b>1997</b> January February Магсh <b>А</b> рлІ	FULL-TIN Males 776.7 773.2 769.7 766.5	#E	PART-TIN Males 102.2 103.6 105.0 106.5	Females  TRENE  287.9  291.5  294.6  297.1	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7 1 544.2 1 544.5 1 545.0	Males  95.8  97.4  98.9  99.9	Females 69.9 69.1 68.2 67.1	Persons 165.7 166.6 167.1 167.0	1 709.4 1 710 7 1 711.6 1 712 0	
<b>1997</b> January February Магсh <b>А</b> рлІ	FULL-TIN Males 776.7 773.2 769.7 766.5	#E	PART-TIN Males 102.2 103.6 105.0 106.5	Females  TRENE  287.9  291.5  294.6  297.1	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7 1 544.2 1 544.5 1 545.0	Males  95.8  97.4  98.9  99.9	Females 69.9 69.1 68.2 67.1	Persons 165.7 166.6 167.1 167.0	1 709.4 1 710 7 1 711.6 1 712 0	
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1997 January February March April	FULL-TIN Males 776.7 773.2 769.7 766.5	### AFE	PART-TIM Males 102.2 103.6 105.0 106.5 	Females  TRENG 287.9 291.5 294.6 297.1  Fe from corres 8.1	TOTAL  Persons  ('000)  1 543.7 1 544.2 1 544.5 1 545.0  ponding period of	95.8 97.4 98.9 99.9 previous ye	69.9 69.1 68.2 67.1	Persons 165.7 166.6 167.1 167.0	1 709.4 1 710 7 1 711.6 1 712 0	
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# LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland continued

	INDUS	TRY OF E	MPLOYED F	PERSONS									
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	Mining	uring	Construction	retail trade	restaurants	storage	insurance	services	defence	Education		y Other	Total
Quarter	'000	'000	.000	.000	'000'	'000	'000	'000	.000	'000	'000	'000	'000
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1996		_											
May	219	173.8	123.0	323.3	76.0	867	48.1	137.0	66.7	112.5	137.5	217.5	1 524.
August November	19.7	165.4	128.8	326.1	81.8	87 3	46.9	138.2	62 1	1078	139.6	222.9	1 526.
1997	20.6	168.8	129.9	328.6	86 3	83.9	47.7	147.6	<b>6</b> 5 <b>3</b>	108.6	147.4	215.4	1 550.
February	15.3	171.8	127 1	334.6	88.6	90,5	45.7	140.7	66.2	106.0	138.2	216.0	1.540
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1997			76 CI	HANGE (Tro	om corresp	onding pe	riod of pr	evious ye	ar)				
February	-9.5	-6.4	-0.7	3.6	20.9	11.2	1.6	-4.9	-2.8	5.1	1.2	3.2	1.8
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	PRIVAT		E AND SAL Go		NT								
	Total		Co	mmonwealth	State		Local		Total				
Month	'000		'00'	00	'000		'000		0000				
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1994													
December	719.1			7.5	193.		32.7		273.6				
1995 January	726. <b>6</b>		45	5.7	186.:	1	32.7		264 6				
February	740,1		45	5.4	191.	7	33 4		270.4				
March	741.6			5.5	193.;		33 8		272.4				
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March	6.8		1	3	-1:	1.	0.3		-0.6				
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	Males		Female	s					Average we	ekly hours j	er employe	ee	
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#### LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland continued

<b>ESTIMATED</b>	RESIDENT
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POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....

		Natural increase	Net estimated interstate migration	Net estimated overseas migration	Total
Quarter	'000	No.	No.	No.	No.
1995		**********		*******	*********
December	3 316.1	5 603	10 079	2 854	18 536
1996					
March	3 339,0	7 512	10 975	4 393	22 880
June	3 354.7	6 151	6 662	2 843	15 65 <del>6</del>
September	3 373.2	5 901	7 948	4 717	18 566

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

1996

September

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AT 30 JUNE.....

	Brisbane <sup>1</sup>	Moreton <sup>1</sup>	Wide Bay-Burnett <sup>1</sup>	Far North <sup>1</sup>	Queensland
Year	'000	'000	'000	0000	000
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1992-93	1 421.6	533.7	209.3	190.4	3 116.0
1993-94	1 454.4	558.7	216.1	195.7	3 196.1
1994-95	1 488.9	584.2	222.5	200.9	3 277.1
1995-9 <del>6</del>	1 525.5	606.0	227.7	206.0	3 354.7

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES<sup>2</sup>

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES

ARRIVALS

DEPARTURES

	- Working days lost	Males	Females	-		
Month	'000	Index No.	Index No.	'000	'000	
			******	******	*********	
1996						
November	7.6	146.5	150.0	137.1	139.2	
Decemb <b>e</b> r	6.3	146.5	150.0	164,1	153.2	
1997						
January	1.7	146.5	150.2	151.4	144.8	
February	n.y.a.	146,5	150.2	143.3	125.8	

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

January February

1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5

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 $^{2}$  Base: June 1985 = 100.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Statistical Division.



# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION—Queensland

	BUILDING A	APPROVAUS			***************************************			
	TREND		ÖRIG∙NAL.					
	New houses	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential buildings	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units approved	Value of non-residential buildings approved	Total value of all building approved
Month	No	No	No	No	Na.	\$m	Sm	\$m
**************************************	*****		**********	*******	*******		******	******
1996								
December 1997	1 924	2 813	1619	634	2 312	2 <b>16</b> ,9	12 <b>8</b> .6	363.9
Janua <b>r</b> y	1 945	2 886	1 569	661	2 239	213.3	202.2	430.3
February	1 970	2 97 <b>8</b>	1 804	882	2 700	248.4	140.2	405.8
March	1 <del>996</del>	3 074	1 870	972	2 846	269.4	144.1	432.8
********								
		% CHA	NGE (from corre	sponding per	riod of previou	s year)		
1997								
1997 March	0.8	21.0	-2.7	95.6 * * * * * *	175 • • • • • • • • •	22 7 > * * * * * * *	-84 ******	9.2 * * * « * *
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March  • • • » » • •  Quarter	DWELLING I	JNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	e es as a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	S & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done	9.2 * * * * * *
March  • • • » » • •  Quarter  • • • • • • • • • •	DWELLING I	JNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m	Value of non-residentia building	e es as a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	S & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm	9.2 * * * * * *
March  ♦ • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	DWELLING I	JNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m	Value of non-residentia building \$m	e es as a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	ENGINEERING  /alue of work  commenced  Brn  616.0	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm	9.2 * * * * * *
March  • • • • • • •  Quarter  • • • • • • • • •  1996  March June	DWELLING I	JNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0 858.5	Value of non-residentia building \$m	<b>9 88 98 90 90 100 100 100</b> 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	ENGINEERING  /alue of work  commenced  Brn  616.0 622.8	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm  674.4 801.6	9.2 * * * * * *
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March  • • • • • • •  Quarter  • • • • • • • •  1996  March June September	DWELLING I  New houses  No.  4 835 6 086 5 691	JNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147 2 142	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0  858.5 769.1	Value of non-residentia building \$m  591.3 731 0 551 2	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	ENGINEERING  /alue of work  xommenced  Brn  616.0 622.8 1. 175.7	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm  674.4 801.6 889.6	9.2 * * * * * *
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### PRICE INDEXES

	AUSTRALIA										
	Articles produ	ced by manu	facturing industr	y¹		******************	. Materials	used in manufac	cturing industry	Export <sup>3</sup>	Import <sup>3</sup>
Month	Food, beverages and tobacco	Basic metal products	Petroleum and coal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products	All groups	Imported materials	Domestic materials	All materials	All groups	All deput
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1996				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			* * * * * * * * *			,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,,,
November	126.9	101.5	136.3	121.8	120.5	121.5	109.7	104.0	106.0	90.8	108.7
December 1997	126.9	<b>1</b> 01.7	137.7	121.5	120.8	121.6	109.3	103.9	105.8	90.7	108.0
January February	127.1 127.4	102 8 103 8	138.9 138.7	122.1 122.0	120.9 121.0	122.0 122.3	109.8 109.4	105.9 105.3	107 2 106.7	91.6 92.9	108.8 109.3
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997			% CHANGE	(from corre	esponding i	period of p	revious ye	ar)			
February	0.5	-5.5	9.1	02	1.4	0.6	-7.8	-1.4	-3.8	-4.0	-4.7
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	BRISBANE							QUEENSLAN	ND3		
	Consumer pri	ice ındex²					iablished use²	Prices received by farmers <sup>4</sup>	Prices paid by farmers'		ners' terms ade <sup>4</sup>
Quarter	Food	Housing	Trans	portation	All groups						
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996											
June	117.8	112.5	122.1		120.4		7.1	109.2	1.27.5	84.	
September	117.7	112.4	122.2		120.6		7.5	104.1	129.0	<b>8</b> 0.	
December (997	118.0	109.6	123.3	3	120.8	13	6.1	101.5	127.5	78.	.3
March	119.8	106.4	124.4		121.5		y a.	п у.а.	n.y a.	rı y.:	a.
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December 1997	115.0			137 2	!	103.4	1	115 6	3		
January	115.1			136.1		103.4	1	115.7			
February	<b>11</b> 5.0			136.1		104.6		116.1			
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## BANKING AND FINANCE

	QUEEN	SLAND—ALL	BANKS <sup>1</sup> ,			QUEENSL	AND—BUILD	ING SOCI	IETIES	
	DEPOS	ITS		., LC	DANS	LENDING	OPERATIONS	)		
	Term	Other <sup>:</sup>	Tota	ı ot	her lending	Loans advar		g commit- unused	Receipts	Withdrawal
Month	\$m	Sm	\$m	Sr	n	Sm	\$m		\$m	\$m
1996		*********		******		********	*********	4 4 4 6 7 5 .	******	*******
November December 1997	21 544 23 751	18 717 20 375			2 626 6 093	127.3 61.6	158.7 <b>88</b> .3		2 977.2 9 <b>26.8</b>	2 909.0 959.4
January February	23 562 23 420	20 650 20 873			7 163 7 485	61.0 64.8	93.2 101.6		901.5 971.5	914.1 950.7
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<b>1997</b> February	15.8	22.8		.9.0	15,3	<b>-</b> 54.2	-46.8	1	-51.8	-51.7
		AND—FINANC					IAL			LEASE
	All banks	Credit cooperatives	Finance companies	Other	Totai	All banks	Finance companies	Other	Total	Total
Month	\$m	Sm	\$m	\$rn	\$m	\$m	\$m	Sm	Sm	\$m
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1996 November	353.9	33.2	87.6	19.3	494.0	1 440.0	464.4			
December	365.2	36.8	80.0	14.6	494.0	1 208.0	161,4 153.5	83.1 123.1	1 684.4 1 484.6	127.3 127.8
<b>1997</b> January	304.0	27.0	22.5							11.10
February	384.0 398.6	37.0 40.1	86.0 <b>78.8</b>	12.3 14.2	519.3 531.8	1 363.0 1 060.3	140.9 141.1	50.8 <b>80.8</b>	1 554.7 1 282.2	110.4 122.0
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			% CHANGE	(from corresp	onding perio	d of previous	year)			
1997 February	11.7	1.2	-22.6	-35.2	2.2					
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	QUEENSLA	AND—HOUSIN	IG FINANCE	FOR OWNER	OCCUPATIO	N	AUSTRALIA—	-INTERES	ST RATES	
	All banks		anent ing societies	Other lender	s Total		Housing loans fo owner occupatio			
Month	\$m	Sm		\$m	Sm		%			
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November	585.2	61.	8	72.9	719.8		8.8			
December L <b>997</b>	560.5	39.	4	65.4	665.3		8.3			
January	563.8	42.	3	57,5	663.6		8.3			
February	636.1	52.	9	70.3	759,3		7.6			
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## BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS

	AUSTR	ALIA	•••••		**********	***************************************				QUEENSLAN
	TRADING PERFORMANCE		INVESTI	INVESTMENT		OPERATING EXPENSES	G INTERNATIONAL TRADE		SALES	
	P-1	Selling	D 44	0	~: .					
uarter	Sales	prices	Profit	Capital	Stocks			Imports	Exports	
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	SHO	RT-TERM	OUTLOOK	—Expected	aggregate	change from	m the previou	ıs quarter	(%)	
996						-	·	•	• •	
September	1.6	0.2	4,2	2.0	0.2	0.3	1.3	2.7	2.6	1.4
December	1.6	0.2	3.7	2.6	-0.6	0.3	1.4	1.4	2.6	1.2
997										
March	0.4	0.1	-2.9	5.8	0.1	-0.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	-0.4
June	1.6	0.3	7.8	3.4	-0.3		1.0	5,9	1.6	1.4
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June	3.6	1.5	13.5	1.1	0.4	0.5	2.2	2.8	5.2	3.6
September	3.1	1.2	10.1	6.6	**	0.6	2.4	3.6	4.7	2.5
December	3.1	0.9	9.6	1.2		0.3	2.2	2.1	3.4	3.3
98										
March	2.9	0.9	12.2	3.2	0.3	0.5	1.8	3.0	3.8	2.8

	AUSTRALIA							
	ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total					
Period	\$m	\$m	\$rm					
******	********							
1 <del>994</del> -95	8 630	25 692	34 321					
1995–96	11 875	26 727	38 601					
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	AUSTRALIA							
	EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITUR	E <sup>1</sup>						
Period	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total					
	\$m	\$m	\$m					
************			e / > e ~ o					
6 months to June 1997	7 757	13 655	21 413					
1996- <del>9</del> 7	14 711	28 <b>28</b> 5	42 996					
1997–98	12 798	21 885	34 683					

 $<sup>^{1}\,</sup>$  Not directly comparable with estimates of actual capital expenditure due to likely over/under realisation.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains latest estimates for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

- **2** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.
- **3** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular components of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13–term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.
- **4** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series. Revisons also occur as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.
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